

INSPIRE

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Spring always inspires renewed energy and purpose in me, as I hope it does for you, too.

Outbound Youth Exchange



The energy was electric while I spent a weekend with Outbound exchange students preparing for their exchange year in France, Austria, Denmark, Italy, Belgium, Switzerland, Japan or Finland. We have a stellar group of students who are committed to service and ensuring that they are great ambassadors for Canada and for Rotary. Many thanks to the Youth Committee, District Leaders, parents and counsellors who attended and participated in the immersion weekend.

Wrap Up Strong!

Spring is when we make plans—for exams, holidays, renovations, gardening, camps, and for club planning meetings. A year ago, our District board met with an international visioning facilitator who helped us develop an integrated strategic plan for the District. We have been using it as a guide ever since.

In late March, the District board and several other District leaders met as District Governor-Elect Tracey Vavrek and consultant Ken Thiessen facilitated. We reviewed our progress to date and looked ahead to the next Rotary year. We identified areas to expand, areas that need ongoing effort and action, and new areas to develop. The strategic planning cycle is ongoing as progress is reviewed to guarantee our goals and plans are developed for next term.

However, it is vital that everyone ensures we complete our goals and plans for the current year. Let's finish strong, right to the end of June, and let that momentum carry us into next year!

All presidents and Assistant Governors received a copy of the [District Strategic Plan](#) and an updated copy is posted on the District website.

Membership

I am thrilled that over 50 Rotarians pledged to bring in one new member before the end of June. Stay tuned for positive results. As well, the [YEG Passport Club](#) is thriving and hopes to charter by the end of April. Please contact Marilyn Mucha, mgmucha@shaw.ca or Jeff Reynolds Rotary_J@telus.net for additional information.

Let's make our clubs irresistible! Check out the [Courageous Leadership webinar](#).

Redistricting

All club presidents were provided with an official notice of the Redistricting request of the Rotary Clubs of Whitehorse. The 30-day timeline passed without any objections. In fact, we received messages of support and excitement about growing our District to include two new clubs and the Yukon Territory.

I have notified Rotary International with an official request to transfer the Rotary Club of Whitehorse and the Rotary Club of Whitehorse Rendezvous including the Yukon Territory to District 5370. I have also requested to waive the two-year waiting period ensuring that the transfer become effective July 1, 2019.

Highway to Mexico

Recently, the Edmonton Journal published [an article](#) with a great photo of the Highway to Mexico project! Columnist Nick Lees did a tremendous job of explaining the project, highlighting the history and mentioning all the clubs that have supported this project over 19 years. CBC's Radio Active also featured the story. Congratulations to all the Rotarians who make a positive difference in the communities of Mexico through this project.

Inspiring Peace

Delighted to collaborate with the University of Alberta Education Faculty for this event! Thank you to Dean Tupper and Vice-Dean Douglas Gleddie for their support and participation. Dr. Chappell's presentation was well-received and sparked interest in peace literacy skills and in Rotary's PeaceBuilder initiative. President Shannon and members of the Rotaract Club of Concordia University demonstrated strong leadership skills in organizing the Saturday sessions and workshop. Future plans for working with Dr. Chappell were discussed and welcomed.



We are very close to having received enough funds to support a second year of Peace Centres! Although most clubs have submitted donations, there are still a few clubs planning to send in donations before the end of June.

She's All That - Inspiring Leaders, Achieving Action!

Excitement is building for our [fabulous event](#) on May 9 at the Royal Glenora Club, 6 to 8 p.m., celebrating female leaders in Rotary across the District and in the community. Come out and support these change-makers for their extraordinary leadership.

Jeweller Hillberg and Berk is sponsoring and donating a special gift for award recipients. There will be unique door prizes. Also, this event is a service project opportunity! Personal care items for women in need will be accepted for WIN house. We welcome all Rotarians, men, women, friends and neighbours to enjoy the evening. If you know someone who is interested in learning more about Rotary, this is a perfect event to invite them to experience.

International Convention



A hundred District members are registered to attend the [International Convention in Hamburg, Germany](#), June 1-5. More than 30,000 Rotarians from around the world will be there. Our District will have a get-together on Monday June 3 at the Gasthaus – Hofbraeu Wirtshaus. Separate invitations with additional information will be sent out to all who are registered. Please plan to join us.

Presidential Citations

A number of clubs have already fulfilled their [presidential citations](#). Club presidents, please check with your Assistant Governor if you have any questions or need support.

Staying in Touch, Coffee / Tea with the Governor

As always, please feel welcome to reach out to any member of our District team for assistance and/or information. I will be in the District Office Wednesday, April 17 between noon and 6:00 p.m. for anyone who wishes to call in, drop by and chat about Rotary.



Let us continue to BE The Inspiration and - Finish Strong!

Sincerely,

Ingrid

Links to articles recently posted to the District blog

Project Amigo workweek: an opportunity to serve, learn and bond for past and future District Governors



After spending a week volunteering at [Project Amigo](#) with several Past District Governors and their spouses, Jim Ferguson (Rotary E-club of Canada One) feels he knows these former District 5370 leaders much better than before.

“I hadn’t had much interaction with Past District Governors. I had seen them at District events but only knew them to say hi,” says Jim, who will serve as District 5370 governor in 2020-2021. “I thought of them as Rotary royalty for what they have accomplished in our District.”

“When you get together and actually have a chance to get to know them personally, it was a fantastic experience,” Jim says. “The PDGs are a great group of people.”

The idea of a workweek for District Governors has been percolating for several years, according to PDG Elly Contreras (Rotary E-club of Canada One), who now serves as Canadian Intermediary for the Project Amigo Canada Society (PACS).

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This month, Highway to Mexico will deliver its 100th vehicle—plus vehicles #97-99 and 101-106



Later this week, Rotarians from our District will arrive in Mazatlan with what has been designated as the 100th vehicle to be delivered to the city and the Mexican state of Sinaloa since

Highway to Mexico began in 2002 with a single school bus filled with wheelchairs.

Vehicle number 100—a former hotel shuttle that has been repurposed to become a fire support shuttle—is one of 10 vehicles in this year’s convoy, which left Grande Prairie on March 29.

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Club and District announcements and events

2018-19 District Awards

District 5370 has several awards to recognize clubs for their great local and international projects which will be presented at the District Governor Changeover Dinner and Awards Night on June 27. Check out the [award criteria](#) and submit your nomination by May 15. [Click here](#) to read about the 2018 winners.

Rotary Club of Parkland After Dark [Hockey Draft and Calcutta](#)

Saturday, April 13, 2019 at the Blueberry Community Hall

Cocktails: 4:30 pm

Dinner: 5:30 pm

Playoff Draft: 6:30 pm

Tickets:

\$500.00 Team Entry to the Draft

(includes 1 team entry, dinner and event access for 4)

\$50.00 "Spectator" ticket (dinner and event access)

The Rotary Club of Edmonton Mayfield is holding Fork It Over, its annual “fun”draiser, at River Cree Resort and Casino on Saturday, April 13. This year, we are going back to the 1970s for some disco fun.

<https://portal.clubrunner.ca/451/page/fork-it-over-2019>

Hold a foodbank drive

Write a thank you note

Kindness is free

Encourage someone

Rotary



Acts of Kindness

Bake cookies for a homeless shelter

Volunteer

Pick up litter

Help someone with their groceries

Please join Rotarians & Friends

April 19 – 21, 2019

Where: Local Communities

How: Any act of kindness – use your imagination

Record: On our facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/rotaryactofkindness>

The Rotary Club of Edmonton Whyte Avenue invites you to a special screening of *Bringing the Light: The Story of Seven Women in Nepal*.

Tuesday, April 30, 7:00 p.m., at Polar Park Brewing, 10416 80 Ave., Edmonton.

Bring the Light was filmed over four years and follows a group of Nepalese women who have been empowered through education, skills training and income generation. This is a story of courage, resilience and strength as these women seek to create a better life for themselves, their families and other women in Nepal.

Learn about Stephanie Woollard and the Seven Women program from an [article in the March 2019 issue of the Rotarian](#). Stephanie spoke at the 2018 District Conference.

[Click here for tickets.](#)

On Wednesday, May 1, join the **Rotary Club of Edmonton Mayfield** at the Chateau Nova Yellowhead for **Spiders in Space**, featuring ATB chief economist Todd Hirsch. Todd will share stories of triumph from his book *Spiders in Space: Successfully Adapting to Unwanted Change*, and tips to achieve success. As Alberta businesses continue to face challenges, we invite you to hear how we, too, can adapt. Registration at 11:45 a.m.; meeting at 12 noon. \$30 for Rotarians, \$40 for non-Rotarians. [Click here](#) for more information and tickets.

2019 Capital Region Integrity Awards

Please attend this annual event that honours non-Rotarians for their integrity as citizens.

Wednesday, May 8, 2019, 5:30 pm to 10:00 pm

Double Tree by Hilton

16615 109 Ave., Edmonton AB

[Event Information & Ticket Link](#)

The Rotary Club of Edmonton Riverview presents:

An Elegant Evening of Scotch Mist, featuring the Scotch of GlenAllachie (Just released in Canada)

Friday, May 10, 2019

Cocktails: 5:30 pm (cash bar)

Dinner: 7:00 pm

Royal Glenora Club, 11160 River Valley Road, Edmonton
(Free parking on site)

[Tickets: \\$160 per person](#) (Includes a four-course meal with Scotch pairings)

Note: Adult-only event (18+ years of age)

Proceeds will be used to support inner-city programs

MacEwan Rotaract Polio Plus Fundraising Gala

The **MacEwan University Rotaract Club** invites you to an evening of acting, singing, dancing, and fundraising!

Friday, May 10, 5:30 PM – 11:00 PM

Southwood Community League

1880 37 Street Northwest

Edmonton, AB T6L 2R2

[Tickets:](#) \$85

Rotary Club of Nisku Leduc Annual Lobsterfest

Friday, May 24, Redtail Landing Golf Club Banquet Centre, 435 Airport
Perimeter Rd #7, Edmonton International Airport

Tickets (\$75) are available from Smitty's Restaurant in Leduc (Leduc-alberta@smittys.ca, 780-986-8923) or from Mark Gallant (mar.gallant@shaw.ca, 780-720-5998)

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2019 Rotary International Convention

Join Rotarians from around the world at the [2019 Rotary International Convention](#), June 1-5 in Hamburg, Germany.

People of Action – 2019 District 5370 Conference



**Rotary District 5370 Conference — October 3–5, 2019
Grande Prairie, AB**

October 3-5 in Grande Prairie, Alberta. [Register now.](#)

Is your club planning an event which other Rotarians should know about? Would you like to invite them to attend? Send your announcements to nmscott@telus.net by May 1 to be included in the next newsletter. Announcements should be brief, and ideally include a link to a website where Rotarians can go to learn more, register or buy tickets.

